

HOUSE BILL 1903

By Alexander

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 4 and
Title 63, Chapter 5, relative to dental hygienists.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-108(c)(2), is amended by
designating the existing language as subdivision (A) and adding the following subdivision:

(B)

(i) A dental hygienist may perform a dental hygiene assessment. As
used in this subdivision (c)(2)(B), a "dental hygiene assessment" means the
comprehensive data collection, documentation, and analysis of a patient's
current health status; history of periodontal disease; medications; and risk factors
in preparation for the supervising dentist to review, diagnose, and deliver
treatment.

(ii) Prior to a dental examination by the supervising dentist in clinical,
volunteer, and public health settings, a dental hygiene assessment must include
extra oral or intra oral radiographs; charting of existing restorations and carious
findings; and preventive care that may include prophylaxis, fluoride varnish,
sealants, or silver diamine fluoride.

SECTION 2. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-107(c)(1), is amended by
designating the existing language as subdivision (c)(1)(A) and adding the following as a new
subdivision (c)(1)(B):

(i) For purposes of this subdivision (c)(1)(B), a live, interactive webinar is:

(a) Considered to be in-person continuing education; and

(b) Not considered remote attendance of an online or web-based course.

(ii) As used in this subdivision (c)(1)(B), "live, interactive webinar" means an internet-based broadcast in which viewers may interact with a presenter in real time.

SECTION 3. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 63-5-109, is amended by deleting subdivisions (15) and (16).

SECTION 4. This act takes effect July 1, 2022, the public welfare requiring it.